

# Masses, Services and Devotions

	St Bede's Church Bedlington	St Robert of Newminster Church Morpeth
<b>Sunday 21st April</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>		<b>9.00am Mass: Special Intention (AM)</b> <b>11.00am Mass: People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday 22nd April</b> <i>Easter Octave</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church <b>10.00am Mass: Robert Burke</b>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Tuesday 23rd April</b> <i>Easter Octave</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Service of Word and Communion 12noon: FUNERAL SERVICE: <b>Jenny Cooper</b>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus <b>9.15am Mass: Terry Macy</b>
<b>Wednesday 24th April</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</i> <i>Easter Octave</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church <b>10.00am Mass: Brenda Crackett</b>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Thursday 25th April</b> <i>Easter Octave</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Service of Word and Communion	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus <b>9.15am Mass: A Sick Person</b>
<b>Friday 26th April</b> <i>Easter Octave</i>	9:15am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Morning Prayer <b>10.00am Mass: Margaret Faulder</b>	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am The Angelus 9.15am Service of Word and Communion
<b>Saturday 27th April</b> <i>Easter Octave</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm Confessions 5.00pm The Rosary <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass: - Joan Keddy</b>	9.40am The Rosary <b>10.00am Mass: Paul McCole &amp; Fr Lawrence Jones</b>  10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00am –12noon Confessions
<b>Sunday 28th April</b> <b>Feast of Divine Mercy</b> <b>Low Sunday</b>		<b>9.00am Mass: People of the Parish</b> <b>11.00am Mass: Mr &amp; Mrs SEI Cole</b>

### The Pope's Intention April 2019

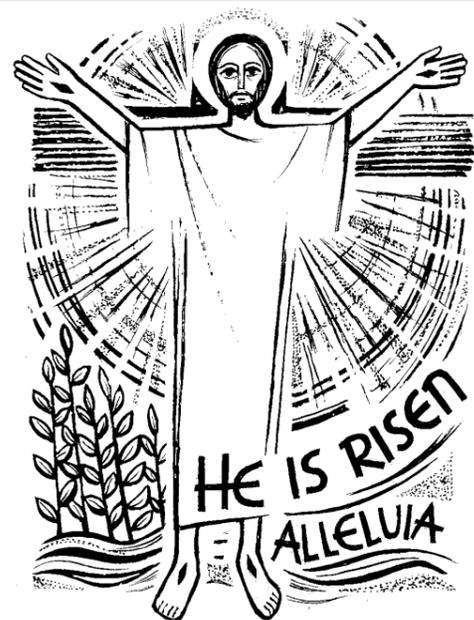
For Workers in War Zones: For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others

### Baptism Preparation Meeting

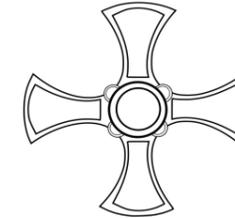
The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held at St Robert's Church Hall on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Any parents wishing to have their child baptised who hasn't yet spoken to Fr Peter is asked to do so as soon as possible, especially if they are wishing to attend the next preparation meeting.

### Vocations Discernment

Are you aged 16 or over and thinking about the priesthood? Why not come along to one of the regular Diocesan Vocations Discernment evenings held at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle from 6.30pm until 8.30pm. These evenings of prayer and reflection provide an opportunity to listen to speakers talk about their own discernment, faith journeys and vocations, and are followed by a meal. Forthcoming dates are as follows: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. For more information, please contact Fr. Christopher Warren, Diocesan Vocations Director.



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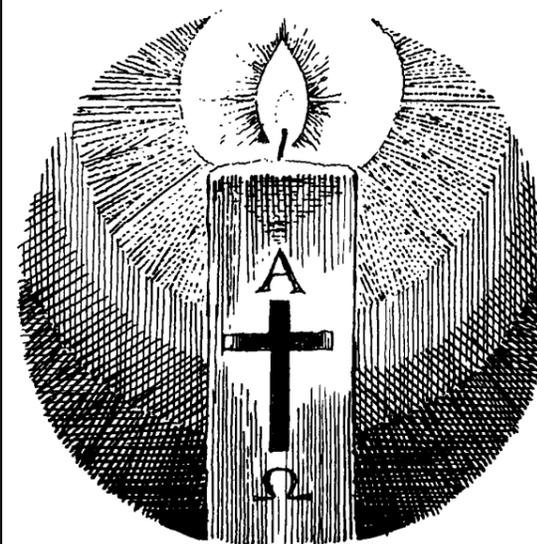
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## Sunday 21st April 2019 – Easter Sunday

Belief in the Resurrection is central and imperative to our faith, and because it is central and imperative it really ought to be rock solid. For many, this truth is distinctly uncomfortable. The account of Jesus' Resurrection is lacking in detail, and it can leave us with more questions than answers. For many, belief is far from rock solid. A rock solid belief that Jesus died and rose again to give us a clean slate would surely mean us living our lives very differently, but more often than not, this is not the case.

Traditionally at this time of year thousands of Christians are baptised all over the world. One such candidate was asked whether he felt any different now that he was baptised. The candidate replied, "Yes, I went from believing nothing, to believing everything sort of vaguely. I hope that God will make things clearer to me as I continue on this journey."



The Resurrection is a little like this. In all honesty, the story of the Empty Tomb doesn't have us leaping up and down in the church pews. In truth, the Resurrection doesn't make everything great. We still have fear and doubt and pain, but whereas before we had nothing, now we have a hope. For some of us it might be a vague kind of hope, but we trust that God will make it a stronger hope as we continue our journey of faith and understanding.



Please pray for: New members of the Church, vocations, the right use of the media, the Church and human work. Please pray for those who are sick, including Sylvia Thompson; for all who have died recently including **Father Jim Doherty** and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

### Offertory Collections 13th / 14th April

St Bede's: £ £260.80. March SOs. £901.00  
St Robert's: £814.85.

### Collection for Holy Places

The Holy Places Collection last Sunday at St Robert's Church raised £445.36. Very many thanks for your generosity towards this special collection.

### New counters

We are very grateful for one offer of help so far, but if anyone has time to help with the counting teams at St Robert's, we are looking for a few new people to assist. Please contact Fr Peter if you are able to help or require further information.

### St Robert's New Offertory Envelopes

If you have not yet collected your new box please see Peter Smith or Gerry Harber. **In handing out the boxes we have lost track of who took box numbers 113, 118, 119 and 120. If you have any of these numbers could you please let Peter Smith know - Tel 516433**

### Lenten Lunch

Thank you to everyone who supported the Friday lunches during Lent ... to all the helpers, for the contributions, donations, soup and delicious extra. The amount raised was **£845.10**. This will be shared between CAFOD and Mary's Meals, helping the most needy and deprived in society. Many thanks.

### Tea and Coffee after Mass

We have tea and coffee available after the Vigil Mass at St Bede's on Saturday evenings and tea and coffee available after the 9am and 11am Masses at St Robert's on Sunday mornings.

### Newsletter Items

Please drop in a note at the Presbytery or e-mail items for the parish newsletter by 7pm on Wednesday to the parish office email address at St Robert's.

### Helping prepare the Newsletter

We are looking for a couple of people to help with the typing of the Newsletter. Anyone who is useful with desktop publishing (we use Microsoft publisher to put the news letter together, but Word will be acceptable also) should speak to Fr Peter, Marian Bell or Mary Beaton.

### Divine Mercy Devotions

Divine Mercy Devotions are held on Thursday 25th April at 7pm in St Robert's Church, Morpeth.

### Fr Jim Doherty

The Funeral Rites for Father Doherty will be celebrated on 1st and 2nd May at St Robert's Church, Morpeth. Father Jim's body will be received into Church on Wednesday 1st May at 7pm and Mass will be celebrated. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 2nd May at 12noon by Bishop Robert Byrne. Father Jim's Family will be present and priests of the diocese have all been invited to attend. Everyone is welcome.

### Days of Reflection for All Ministries

Serve the Lord with Gladness – Days of Reflection for All Ministries to be held at:

- Ushaw College, Durham on Saturday 4th May 2019 between 10.30-3.30.
- St Joseph's Parish Hall, Gateshead on Saturday 15th June 2019 between 10.30-3.30. See more information in the church porch. If you would like to attend please see Fr Peter and book in the parish office.

### Minnie Vinnies Postage Stamp Collection

St Robert's Mini Vinnies are currently collecting used postage stamps to donate to charity. We will donate the stamps to a local charity (yet to be decided) this will be an ongoing project which we aim to collect as many stamps as possible, then make our donation before the summer holidays in July 2019. We have created a stamp collection tub which is now placed in the church porch so parishioners can help us with their donations of stamps.



### Welcome into the Church

We offer our prayers and congratulations to Anne Douglas who was received into the Church at our Easter Vigil Mass. Please pray for her as she begins her journey of faith.

### Catholic Women's League Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 29th April at 7.00pm in the church hall. There will be a talk on 'Hollon Tea and Morpeth'. Everyone welcome.

### Lourdes Hospitalité AGM and Procession

On Sunday 12th May, members of the Lourdes Hospitalité will be joining St Robert's Parishioners for the 11am Mass. After Mass they will have a picnic in the Church Grounds (Weather permitting), followed by their Annual General Meeting in the Hall at 1.30pm. At 2.30pm there will be Prayers to Our Blessed Lady and a Procession around Church Grounds., to which everyone is welcome to join in.

### New Mass Setting Rehearsal

To help prepare for a New Mass setting (Mass of Christ the Saviour) at 9am Mass (already being sung at 11am Mass) two practices have been arranged: Tuesday 7th May and Tuesday 21st May – all at 7pm. Please come along so that we can learn together these new Mass settings. Its also available on Youtube

### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th April at 7pm in the Presbytery. We ask all members to make every effort to attend. We would also love to have a few new people come along to discuss Parish Pastoral matters. If you have never been involved before, or if you think you can offer something to the life of the Parish Pastoral Council, please come along to this, or have a word with Fr Peter to find out what's involved.

### Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto of Our Lady



The Brinkburn Partnership would like to organise a day visit to the Carfin Grotto - near Motherwell in Scotland on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019. To this end we would like to know if anyone is interested. Therefore, please sign the list at the back of church (as soon as possible), to register your interest. For more details contact Elizabeth Dixon.

### Pilgrimage to Lourdes for those needing Nursing Care

Our diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 26th July – 2nd August still has several places available for those who need Nursing Care or who are unable to travel or stay in Lourdes on their own. Flights are from Newcastle, directly to Lourdes, Accommodation will be in the Accueil Marie St Frai and there will be the assistance of the pilgrimage nurses and doctors throughout the week in Lourdes as well as many helpers. The cost for those staying in the Accueil is £895.00 per person. Anyone wishing to go is asked to contact The Lourdes Pilgrimage Office at St Robert's Morpeth (01670 513410 or lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk ) for a Booking Form and Medical Consent Form. A medical assessment will be made to make sure the pilgrimage can offer the appropriate care. Closing date for application is 21st April 2019.

### The Mission to Accompany with Bill Huebsch

Mr Bill Huebsch will be visiting the diocese on Saturday 18th May to lead a day exploring 'The Mission to Accompany', at St Mary's Catholic School, Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne from 9.45am-3.30pm. Refreshments and lunch will be provided on the day, and it is suggested that a donation of £10.00 be made to help cover the costs of the day. Booking is essential by telephone: 0191 243 3302 or www.billhuebsch.eventbrite.co.uk. Donations will be gratefully accepted on the day.

### Northumberland Listening Service

A free and confidential Listening Service, for those who wish to talk about issues such as Loss and Bereavement, Stress, Anxiety, Relationship Difficulties, Loneliness or other concerns. To make an appointment please telephone 07732 980740.

### Journey in Faith Meeting

The next Journey in Faith Meeting will be held on Thursday 25th April at 7pm in the Presbytery.

### Christian Aid Week: 12th-18th May 2019

- Christian Aid Week Ecumenical Service in St James' Church at 6pm on Sunday 12th May. All welcome to this service to pray for the poor of the world who desperately need our help and for the success of Christian Aid Week.
- Christian Aid needs about 30 volunteers for the house to house collection in Morpeth. Can you spare about half an hour to deliver the envelopes in your street and an hour or so to collect them. While we have a small number of regular collectors they are getting older and fewer and we urgently need more volunteers to sustain this work. If you feel able to help, please put your name and telephone number on the list in the church porch at St Robert's, against your chosen street(s). Thank you.
- There will be plant and book stalls in the Market Place, Morpeth on Saturday 11th May. Donations of books and plants are requested. Please contact Eileen or Gerry Harber on 517829 if you can supply some. Help is needed 11th May manning the stalls and to move and erect tables and a gazebo and the plants and books. Please let Gerry Harber know if you can assist.
- Gerry Harber will be walking across Scotland in May on the Great Outdoors Challenge. His route is from Strathcarron to Inverbervie and according to his route sheets is just under 200 miles. As usual he will be doing it as a sponsored walk for Christian Aid and will have sponsorship forms outside St Robert's church after Mass for the next few weeks for those who might wish to support him. Alternatively, donations can be made through JustGiving.com at a page "Gerald's The Great Outdoors Challenge 2019"

### Lasting Power of Attorney

Sue Edwards a Dementia Friend and Legal Estate Planner is visiting St Aidan's, Ashington, to give an informal talk on the two important issues given in the title, helping to protect the ones you love. Do please come along and listen to what Sue has to say.

Date: Monday 29th April 2019

Venue: St Aidan's Parish Hall, Ashington

Time: 7.00pm

### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Information sheets are available from Fr Peter. Most people who are expressing an interest are opting for the longer 10 day pilgrimage, so please keep that in mind. So far we have nineteen people from St Robert's who have said Yes to going on this pilgrimage.

